

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment

Request; Foreign Labor Certification Quarterly Activity Report

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 31, 2012 the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Foreign Labor Certification Quarterly Activity Report," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

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ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site,

http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Labor Certification Quarterly

Activity Report, Form ETA-9127, is used to collect information from a State Workforce

Agency (SWA) on activities performed under a Foreign (Alien) Labor Certification

reimbursable grant and provides a sound basis for program management, including

budget, workload management, and monitoring for compliance with the grant. A new

information collection component has been added to this ICR, to account for the surveys

conducted by the SWAs to collect information about prevailing employment practices in

agriculture.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1205-0457. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New provisions would only take effect after OMB approves them. For additional

information, see the related notice published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on March 27, 2012 (77 FR 18267).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1205-0457. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Foreign Labor Certification Quarterly Activity Report.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0457.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments and Private Sector—Farms.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,054.

<u>Total Estimated Number of Responses:</u> 11,716.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 6,170.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: May 24, 2012

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